

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

SHINICHI HIRAMOTO et al.

For: CONVEYING APPARATUS AND
ROTARY TYPE TRANSFER
APPARATUS FOR SPOUT-
EQUIPPED BAGS

Prior Art Unit: 3651

Prior Examiner: Mark A. Dueble

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application which is a divisional application of
pending Application No. 09/971,265 as follows: